

**A Joint Resolution of**  
**Jefferson County, Montana**  
**County Resolution Number 19-2007**

**And**

**Jefferson Local Development Corporation**  
**Resolution Number**

A Resolution Recognizing the Jefferson Local Development Corporations as the County's Economic Development Entity.

- A. WHEREAS funding for economic development activities in counties impacted by hard rock mining activities has been provided for in Section 15-37-117, MCA; and
- B. WHEREAS the Jefferson County Commission has, together with the Montana State University Extension Service, provided for a full-time economic and community development extension agent for Jefferson County; and
- C. WHEREAS Jefferson County Commissioners, on January 10, 1995, created by Resolution 6-95, an Economic Development Task Force to address the issue of economic development in Jefferson County; and
- D. WHEREAS the Jefferson County Commission recognizes its need for a non-profit entity to secure funds for economic development in Jefferson County; and
- E. WHEREAS the Jefferson County Commission in August 1998 moved and passed unanimously a motion to disband the Economic Development Task Force and authorize the creation of the Jefferson Local Development Corporation (JLDC).
- F. WHEREAS the JLDC/Jefferson County Ad Hoc Group has met and formulated this resolution as well as a Memorandum of Understanding between Jefferson County, the Jefferson Local Development Corporation and the Montana State University.

Now, therefore, be it resolved as follows:

- 1. The JLDC shall include one Jefferson County Commission member on its board of directors. The JLDC shall set its own agenda, shall operate according to its own articles of incorporation and bylaws as a nonprofit corporation and in accordance with Federal, State and County laws.

2. The JLDC shall recommend to the County Commissioners proposed policies and procedures and projects for the expenditure of that portion of metalliferous mines license taxes allocated to Jefferson County for planning or economic activities under Section 15-37-117 (i)(d)(ii)(A), MCA.
3. The Economic and Community Development Extension Agent for Jefferson County shall provide professional staffing for JLDC and shall oversee county support staff in keeping official records of the JLDC's activities.

Further:

4. The JLDC shall have no authority whatsoever, whether actual, implied or ostensible without written agreement by the Jefferson County Commission to:
  - (a) Obligate Jefferson County in any manner;
  - (b) Enter into any contract or agreement binding upon Jefferson County;
  - (c) Incur any indebtedness or financial obligation on behalf of Jefferson County or binding upon Jefferson County, other than for the reasonable and necessary expenses and within its authorized operating budget; or,
  - (d) Make any statement or representation, binding upon Jefferson County, or engage in any conduct or activity tantamount to any such statement or representation.
5. Meetings and Records: All meetings of the JLDC shall be public meetings according to state law regarding non-profit organizations and the Montana Open Meetings Law. Records of the JLDC shall be public records and shall be subject to public inspection. **However, personal, proprietary or confidential information provided to JLDC by clients is excluded from disclosure to protect the privacy of JLDC clients as determined by JLDC.**
6. Reporting: The JLDC shall submit to the Jefferson County Commission a report of its activities and financial records at least quarterly by electronic file download. Further, a Memorandum of Understanding has been developed between JLDC, Jefferson County, and Montana State University Extension Service which provides for the release and distribution of JLDC financial records, audit reports, planned and current activities of JLDC and delineates funding.

Dated this 10<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2007.

**ATTEST:**

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**BONNIE RAMEY**

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**KEN WEBER, CHAIR**

**CLERK AND RECORDER**

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**TOMAS E. LYTHGOE, COMMISSIONER**

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**CHUCK NOTBOHM, COMMISSIONER**

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**JEFFERSON LOCAL DEVELOPMENT  
CORPORATION**